

The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

For me, it is a matter of turning my service completely off. Taking the chance of being in an emergency situation without that back up help to keep me safe and in contact with authorities, such as an ambulance service or highway patrol service could mean losing my life.

Not every Citizen can afford the luxury of buying and using their phones for leisure conversation. I do not now, or ever intended to abuse such an important tool. Living in poverty is no easy task, yet the more life's essential costs go up, there is no hope.

I am a graduate from my community college with a degree, yet I am still paid the same as what I earned twelve years ago. People are getting tired of prices going up, while income levels remain the same or lower, because of companies going out of business.

Someone has to draw the line somewhere, and I hope it will be you.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

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